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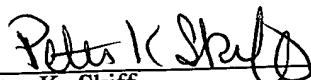
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit a PCT Search Report dated June 5, 2002 for a corresponding application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited in the Search Report but not of record in the present application is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 6,036,877 to Collins et al., issued March 14, 2000;  
U.S. Patent No. 5,865,896 to Nowak et al., issued February 2, 1999;  
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European Patent Application No. 0855859A2, published December 23, 1998;  
Patent Abstracts of Japan, Publication No. 09245994, published September 19, 1997;  
Patent Abstracts of Japan, Publication No. 07211700, published August 11, 1995;  
International Application No. WO00/68985, published November 16, 2000;  
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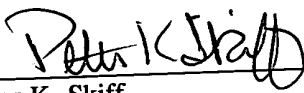
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application and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than 30 (thirty) days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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